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Minden Hills to cull the gulls

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

The Township of Minden Hills will move ahead with a plan to rid the Scotch Line landfill and nearby Mountain Lake of hundreds of seagulls, a multi-pronged process that will entail killing some of the birds.

During a Sept. 13 committee-of-the-whole meeting, councillors granted pre-approval to a contract with company Rentokil-Steritech for the eradication of the gulls.

During an Aug. 30 meeting, two Mountain Lake residents made presentations to council about the hundreds of gulls that continue to litter the lake and waterfront properties with feces, feathers and garbage. The south end of Mountain Lake is located in close proximity to the landfill, and residents have made similar presentations in years past.

"It's basically the same report I wrote before," said environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram as he presented council with his recommendation. In 2016, Ingram presented council with a report that included a number of options for dealing with gulls, including a contract to Rentokil.

The company's approach includes the removal of gull eggs and nests, for which it must obtain a permit. That part of the process would begin in the spring. It also scares birds

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Celebrating the vote

Laurie Carmount, whose idea to celebrate and honour the 100th year anniversary of the federal vote being granted to most Canadian women was met with resounding enthusiasm, leads a spirited parade down Bobcaygeon Road in Minden on Sept. 15. See more on page 10. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

AH candidates talk housing, cell service

by JENN WATT

Editor

Four candidates – two for Ward 1 and two for Ward 3 – presented their perspectives to voters at the Algonquin Highlands all-candidates meeting on Sept. 13 at the Dorset Recreation Centre.

Topics ranged from the McClintock Quarry to the future of the Dorset library branch, how to better support the health hub to affordable housing. The future of the Frost Centre, long left empty on Highway 35, even came up.

The meeting was organized by the county's media organizations, both print and radio, and was moderated by Moose FM host Rick Lowes.

In Ward 1, voters have a choice between David Lawson and Julia Shortreed.

Lawson said he moved to Algonquin Highlands in 1999, following his father and grandfather before him, who had both built cottages in the area. Retired from a career at Xerox, he said he was looking to be more involved in the community and has already

spent time volunteering with the Lions Club. Shortreed moved in 1988 to Dorset, where she has raised two children. She's worked for Scotiabank for 35 years and just retired in March. She said she's been a volunteer in the community, listing the Snowball winter carnival as one of her commitments.

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Candidates for Algonquin Highlands Wards 1 and 3 introduced themselves to voters at an all-candidates meeting at the Dorset Recreation Centre on Sept. 13. From left, David Lawson, Julia Shortreed, Brian Lynch and Jennifer Dailloux. /JENN WATT Staff

Candidates take audience questions

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In Ward 3, Jennifer Dailloux is competing against Brian Lynch for the seat. Lynch is currently on Algonquin Highlands council, representing Ward 1, and has switched wards in this election.

Dailloux described herself as a career humanitarian who has overseen programming at three refugee camps with operating budgets double that of Algonquin Highlands. She said skills from her previous experience would translate nicely to working with council.

Lynch told the audience that he and his wife have been residents of the township for 19 years. Aside from his four years on council, he has worked in non-profit and for-profit sectors. He also listed many committees and clubs he has been a part of over the years including the Snowball winter carnival, health hub, Lions Club and several council committees.

Candidates answered questions pre-written by local media and took questions from the floor.

Below is a sampling of some of the topics. To hear the meeting in its entirety, visit the Canoe FM website and click on "programs" then "interviews." (See story on page 3 for candidate responses regarding the Dorset library branch.)

On Septage Spreading

Brian Lynch said the issue which had come up at council around one specific field near Maple Lake was to be discontinued with the year. While there are other methods that could be used to dispose of residents' septic waste, he said they are expensive and not fully understood.

"The township is currently looking at the disposal of septage in trenches and this trench disposal method has been around again ... for some time and has also proven to be very efficient and economically attractive," he said.

Jennifer Dailloux said she wasn't a fan of field spreading, which is "going to only give rise to problems in the future." She said she'd learned about the lagoon expansion plans and thought they'd been well done.

Julia Shortreed said she wasn't as familiar with the topic, but knew the price range for alternative practices are "astronomical."

David Lawson also said he didn't know much about the topic, but said field spreading didn't sound like a good idea.

"I would think that spreading septic [waste] over a field probably isn't the best way to dispose of it."

Short Term Rental Bylaws

Candidates weren't keen on introducing new bylaws to voters and there was little uptake on the question of whether a bylaw to regulate short-term rentals, such as Airbnb, would be a good idea.

Shortreed answered first, saying there were concerns of renters disrespecting lakes and fellow cottagers, but she wasn't sure how specifically to regulate that. She suggested noise bylaws could be used.

Lawson said he agreed with his competitor that some people don't behave well as renters.

"As far as the town trying to control it, I think that would be very hard to do when it's private properties that are involved," he said.

Dailloux said the lakes in her ward were different from one another, with some more remote and others much busier. She said she'd want to consult with the lakes to see what the best solution would be.

Lynch was against regulation.

"We have a lot of regulations now that could be better enforced to deal with most of the problems that we get from renters. Problems are usually noise problems, fireworks problems, boating problems," he said.

On Cell/Internet Improvements

A member of the audience asked candidates to describe what the Eastern Ontario Regional Network is and detail what it could do for economic development. EORN is run by the Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus and works to improve cell and internet service in the region.

Shortreed said EORN's most recent project, which would expand cell service would mean more towers, but would connect people who need it.

Lawson noted there were companies that supply internet to the area already. If it was expanded, it would allow more economic development, he said.

Dailloux said improving cell and internet should be on the township's priority list as it's an economic and safety issue.

"I spoke to one man who was way out Troutspawn Road 4 a.m. one morning on his way back to work one Monday morning ... and his car broke down. It was pitch black, he's on Troutspawn on a very dangerous logging road. He's miles away from home, miles away from Highway 60 and there wasn't a single bar on his phone. It's a safety and security concern," she said.

Lynch reminded the audience that this initiative was ongoing and said people want better cell service, but some don't want towers on their lakes or near their homes. He said the service was coming.

On Development

Asked on their views about whether additional develop ment should be encouraged, candidates noted current barriers

Lawson said a "fine balance" needed to be found between development and the environment.

Shortreed said affordable housing was needed before any development could take place.

"My son is 19. He wouldn't be able to find a place to rent." I've talked to numerous people, there's nowhere for them to live. Housing is too expensive now for the average person,"

Lynch agreed that housing should top the list.

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Housing a top concern

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"We need to encourage builders when they're building a unit to look at perhaps adding a rental unit," he said.

Dailloux said council needed to protect the charm of the cottage experience. Muskoka had the market cornered on the mansionsized cottages, she said, and Algonquin Highlands should work to maintain the "authentic smallness" of the more traditional cottages on its lakes.

On the McClintock Quarry

Asked by a member of the audience what candidates thought about balancing private business resource development versus preservation of the environment in relation to the McClintock Quarry, answers were mixed.

Shortreed said she wasn't aware the project was still going ahead.

Lawson said sometimes people lose sight of the environment when economic development is the focus.

Lynch had more details, saying the quarry application wasn't something the township had a say in. While Algonquin Highlands wants the project to conform with its guidelines that it not be closer than 1,000 metres from Harvey Lake and residences, it sits on provincial land and is up to the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry.

"It's not likely that economic endeavours will be turned down lightly [by the provincial government]," he said.

Dailloux said she would be shocked if the

business owners couldn't find another location farther away from a lake. While the township couldn't assert itself regarding setbacks and other planning matters, she said the council should still work as an advocate for the people.

"We should be working hard alongside cottagers, not just in Harvey Lake but elsewhere in the municipality to advocate for those sorts of grev areas in policy where there's a clash between what the province sees as necessary and what the municipality sees as necessary," she said.

On the Environment

Asked about the top environmental concern and what council could do to help, Shortreed said septic systems were top of the list. She said council is heading in the right direction by requiring inspections.

Lawson agreed and mentioned the inspection program.

Dailloux said she supported the septic inspection program and was pleased to see how environmental issues were taken into account throughout council's decision-making

Lynch said other than septic issues, lakefront coverage was on the top of his list. "Large places with large lawns" can be harder on the lake, he said, noting people needed to naturalize their shorelines with vegetation down to the water. Recent studies of local lakes have confirmed that more needs to be done, he said.

Candidates weigh in on Dorset library

by CHAD INGRAM Times Staff

Algonquin Highlands council candidates were asked about the future of the Dorset library branch during an all-candidates meeting on Sept. 13, and all seem in favour of maintaining library services in one way or another.

With low circulation numbers at the branch, operated by the Haliburton County Public Library and located within the Dorset Recreation Centre, council has been discussing changing the space, perhaps into some sort of community hub, and perhaps with a book pick-up service. It is currently open eight hours a week. The township undertook a public consultation during the summer.

"I believe the Dorset library should remain in place," said Ward 1 candidate David Lawson. "It is a valuable community asset for the area. I think if we lose it, it would be a great loss to the town."

While Lawson said it was good to have books at the location, "I think if they turn more of it to a computer centre, a media centre as well, that would allow more use of the space, rather than just eight hours a week."

"I'm a reader, I get it," said Ward 1 candidate Julia Shortreed. "I worked at the library when I was a teenager, I love the library. Technology is changing everything, but I'm still a firm believer in having a library in every local town."

"I know the township is looking at making it a more multi-use library, which is great for

everyone," Shortreed said. "You'll still have books available to you, you'll have to order them first. It's just the way the world's going."

Ward 3 candidate Jennifer Dailloux said that perhaps lessons from the vibrant Dwight library could be applied to the Dorset facility.

"I live in Oxtongue Lake and our local library is in Dwight and Dwight library is the heart and soul and hub of Dwight," Dailloux said, explaining that a series of well-attended programs takes place there.

"It's an extraordinary facility, it's full of life, and I do wonder why, 20 minutes down the road, we have a library that is effectively dying, and what is it that we can learn from the Dwight library that we could possibly apply to Dorset library and rejuvenate it, and make it the centre of life here in Dorset," she said.

Ward 3 candidate Brian Lynch, who is currently councillor in Ward 1, agreed the Dwight library is fantastic, but said the Dorset library branch was a different situation.

"We have a rec centre in Dorset that runs many similar activities," Lynch said. "Those activities aren't attached to the library. The issue is not the library, the issue is the space the library takes up. The library is open eight hours a week and it takes up a great deal of space. I think we need to negotiate with the library board. They're not looking to close the library here, but I think there might be a better way to deliver library services to Dorset."

Lynch added he'd like to continue to see books on shelves at the facility.

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Eggs and nests to be targeted

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away from the areas they've been inhabiting through a variety of tactics including sound blasters, clackers and birds of prey in the form of falcons and hawks.

"They are killing birds, so they will kill as well," Ingram said. "They're a natural predator."

The company will also assist the municipality in obtaining a permit from Canadian Wildlife Services for the scaring and killing of birds, with a limit of up to 45 kills per year. Any gulls killed by the birds of prey would be in addition to this.

In the meantime, the township is working to make it more difficult for the birds to find food at the dump.

"The key to this whole thing is getting to their food sources," Ingram said, explaining that new bins were in place at the landfill, and that covering was taking place much more frequently.

Councillor Jeanne Anthon, whose Ward 1 includes Mountain

"What kind of kill are they talking about?" she asked Ingram.

"Shooting them," he said.

"And that 45 per year . . . so we have 15 years' worth of shooting, if the other tactics don't work," Anthon said.

Ingram said the company already knew where the gull nests

Fire destroys Maple Lake home

Times Staff

Fire destroyed a home off Highway 118 near Maple Lake on the night of Sept. 17.

The people who rent the house were not home at the time. A call was made to the fire department by people passing by who observed the blaze.

The Algonquin Highlands fire department, assisted by Dysart et al firefighters, were on scene for about seven hours. The cause of the fire is under investigation.

were located and explained that it shouldn't actually require the shooting of many birds for them to get the picture.

Once a sound blaster is used, "it scares all the seagulls away, then a scout comes back - one seagull," Ingram said. "You shoot that seagull. Then another scout will come back, and you shoot that one.'

That process continues until the flock realizes it's not safe

"They really don't like to be killed," Ingram said. In addition to the birds that are shot, Mayor Brent Devolin said it was likely the birds of prey would terminate others.

"That's the other part of the diversion," he said.

Devolin noted that the company seems to have a track re-

"We have to take a leap of faith that they know what they're doing," he said.

The process will involve disturbing the birds from any sec-"I'm really not convinced this is going to work," said ondary food sources, including local businesses, with the permission of the business owners.

"I appreciate the work that our residents have done on this, but I also want to comment that there was no need for that work, because this was proposed to us in 2016, and we didn't act on it," said Councillor Pam Sayne.

"I think this has been a delay of council, and now we're finally acting on it," Sayne continued. "This is not new, and I think it's too bad that we had to leave it up to our residents."

Anthon took exception to Sayne's comments.

"I'm offended by Councillor Sayne's comments about council not giving due consideration to this recommendation," Anthon said. "We spent a lot of time on it. I lost some sleep on it."

Anthon noted that a task force had recommended that the removal of food sources at the Scotch Line landfill would be a much more effective solution.

"And that was supposed to happen immediately, and it didn't," she said. "So I would like Councillor Sayne to withdraw that comment, that we did not give due consideration."

"We all lost sleep on this," Sayne responded.

"This information was brought to us in the same way," she said. "I will not withdraw my comment."

"In the past, what has not been done, is over and done with," said Deputy Mayor Cheryl Murdoch. "The important thing right now is we're going to take a severe look at this, and deal with it."

Murdoch said the proposal might not be enough, and that



A dock littered with seagull feces on Mountain Lake. /Submitted

gull mitigation could become an ongoing responsibility for the municipality.

"This is an ongoing thing," she said. "Every year, it's something we'll have to look at.'

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CHAD INGRAM

Reporter

ARLIER THIS WEEK, Ontario MP Leona Alleslev **d** crossed the floor in the House of Commons, leaving Justin Trudeau's Liberal government, to join the Conservative benches.

Floor crossings are not frequent, but certainly not unheard of. They happen occasionally, and they are a risky manoeuvre for the politician switching parties. Some constituents who voted for a Liberal government will undoubtedly be upset at this week's turn of

events. Floor crossings typically happen out of conviction, with a politician's frustration finally outweighing the inherent risk.

Alleslev cited discontent with the government's work on the economy and foreign affairs among the reasons she was

switching parties. She said her attempts to raise concerns were met with silence.

"To my Liberal colleagues, thank you, but my oath is to country, not party and my sacred obligation is to serve my constituents," she said in a speech.

Fair enough. But the reality is that Alleslev is leaving one party where her concerns were met with silence to another where any concerns she might raise will likely also be met with silence

Political parties in this country, at both the federal and provincial level, dominate their members. All members of all parties toe the party line at all times. Compliance is demanded and dissent is punished. This is completely unhealthy and does not allow for a thoughtful, pragmatic democracy.

A red Tory and a blue Liberal probably agree on a host of issues, and those individuals should be free to vote accordingly. At all times. Instead, free votes or votes where members are allowed to vote their conscience are special occasions, often reserved for controversial issues such as abortion rights.

In the "free" vote that Ontario PC members partook in last week to enact the notwithstanding clause to override the decision of a judge, every member present voted in

favour of the bill.

This system of overbearing partisan control means that constituents come second to party. Each and every MPP and MP, at one point or another, and on multiple occasions, will vote in favour of motions that are actually harmful

to their constituencies; that hurt the people they were elected to represent.

In the case of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP Laurie Scott, the PC government's hasty cancellation of the basic income pilot project is a prime example of this. Lindsay was one of three pilot communities for the program, and thousands of people who believed they would have a steady income for three years, and were using that opportunity to better their lives in various ways, are now out of luck.

In what is becoming a familiar scenario, there is also a lawsuit against the government on that issue.

As voters, we must try to convince our political leaders that it is us, their constituents, who should come first. People have come second to party for too long.



"It's not safe to keep meeting like this."

Cover me

OMORROW, AT 5 a.m., I will be driving for a little over an hour to my cousin's place and from there we will drive another hour so that we can put cover on a few duck blinds for our hunt next week. This is just one more reason why duck hunting is a dying sport.

The idea of covering a duck blind is simple, which is only fitting since that word also aptly describes anyone who would get up at 5 a.m. to do it.

Essentially, you are trying to make a

platform in the middle of the marsh look like a bush in the middle of the marsh. Then, if all goes well you will be able to hide from ducks so that they will try to land in your decoys when you are sleeping, pouring coffee or answering nature's call.

The whole idea of a duck blind is puzzling to some. In fact, people unfamiliar

with duck hunting often say, "Why are you hiding? You guys are the ones with all the firepower."

There is no good answer to this other than to say you can never be too careful and it is always a mistake to underestimate your opponent.

In any case, there is a fine line when it comes to the degree in which you conceal a duck blind. You want to camouflage your blind well enough that ducks don't see it, but not so much that you can never

Therefore, as you might have gathered, covering a duck blind with vegetation is not a simple operation. It takes teamwork. Typically, one person holds the piece of cover in place and the other person ties the cover along with the other person's

thumb to the blind. Typically, this happens twice before the team stops to reevaluate how the operation is proceeding.

Done correctly, however, the entire blind will soon be covered in cedar boughs and thumb prints.

Surprisingly, there is more to it than that.

In fact, you can tell a lot about the people who built the duck blind by the way it is constructed. For instance, if you were to look at the duck blinds we cover tomorrow you would quickly ascertain

> that the cover at one end of it is at just the right height while the cover at other end is freakishly tall as is generally the case when anyone over five-foot-four decides to help out. The good news is that can be clipped off when they are not looking.

> Also, if a blind is concealed predominantly with begonias, you just know it was built by someone who has the soul of

a poet and is concerned with aesthetics or conformity.

There might even be an art to covering a duck blind. You know you got it right if the ducks view it the way humans view Trump's hair: you know it's totally fake but you would love to circle round for a closer look anyway.

Unlike Trump's hair, however, a duck blind must fit in with its natural surroundings and not be susceptible to wind. Our gang typically uses cedar boughs because they stay green for the entire season. They also create interesting shadows, break up unnatural horizontal lines and can withstand all kinds of weather but mostly we use them because not one of those cretins has the soul of a poet.



STEVE GALEA Beyond 35

INOTHERWORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

What's with the birds?

E IS A SPLASH of brilliance on a gloomy, overcast day. Sunshine yellow body feathers standing out stunningly against deep black wings and forehead.

It has been a long time since I have seen a goldfinch at the feeder. They used to come in flocks, along with troupes of pine grosbeaks, nuthatches, chickadees and others. Not any more, regretfully.

I am no expert, or even especially knowledgeable in the matter of birds. I sense, however, a general absence in numbers and species. They just are not around in large numbers anymore, at least not at my lake place.

The lone goldfinch stays at the feeder a long time and the more I watch him, the more I wish we could talk. I'm sure he would have much to tell me about goings on in the bird world.



JIM POLING SR. From Shaman's Rock

We cannot talk, of course, so I turn to a next best source, the State of the World's Birds report 2018. The report was done by BirdLife International, a conservation group working to conserve birds, their habitats and global biodiversity.

"The data are unequivocal," said Tris Allinson, BirdLife's senior global science officer, and editor-in-chief of the report. "We are undergoing a steady and continuing deterioration in the status of the world's birds. The threats driving the avian extinction crisis are many and varied, but invariably of humanity's making."

Forty per cent of the world's 11,000 bird species are in decline, says the report. Forty-four per cent are holding steady, while seven per cent of species are increasing. The other eight per cent or so have unknown trends.

BirdLife believes that a mass extinction event is occurring, the sixth in the world's 4.5-billion-year history. However it would be the first mass extinction driven by a single species. You guessed it – humans.

"Scientists estimate that species are disappearing at a rate 100 to 10,000 times faster than the natural rate," says the report, "with perhaps dozens of species going extinct every day.'

Not all the news is bad. The seven per cent that are increasing is positive news even if some of the species create smelly messes in our parks and on our lawns. Conservation efforts are believed responsible for increases among those species.

Conservationists believe that 25 more bird species would have gone extinct in recent decades if not for massive conservation efforts by government and many individual groups.

You don't have to go to school and take courses to understand what is killing the birds. Agriculture expansion and the use of insecticides is a main cause, followed by urbanization and logging and climate change, which is developing into a major future threat.

The BirdLife report says that the earth once held six trillion trees. The number now is believed to be three trillion and the report says the planet is losing 10 billion trees every day.

Saving trees and growing more of them is an important way to stop this tree loss, which is a huge factor is declining bird numbers.

Thankfully we live in a society that seems to understand that. Roughly two billion trees are planted every year in the United States and Canada.

BirdLife, along with the Wildlife Conservation Society and the World Wildlife Federation plans to have one trillion trees re-grown, saved from loss or receiving better protection by 2050.

The BirdLife report says that as well as saving and planting trees we need to restore more of birds' other habitats and eradicate or control invasive species. It has been estimated that 1,500 of various animal, plant and insect species have become established outside their natural areas because of human acts, making them invasive species.

It is not hard to watch the decline of bird life, shrug and move along. There are many other things to think about. Our lives really haven't been changed that much because the passenger pigeon or Dodo bird no longer exist.

However, what is happening to the birds is a warning for our planet. Some scientists believe that biodiversity on earth already has dropped to unsafe levels.

When one species of anything disappears, others are affected. We are all connected, humans, other animals, plants and insects. When some start disappearing, especially at the rate we see today, we all need to become concerned.

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letters to the editor

100 years of voting

To the Editor,

On Sept. 15 in Minden Hills we celebrated 100 years of women's right to vote federally. A great shout of thanks to Laurie Carmount and Ruth O'Connell of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre for their masterful organization of the event

Throughout the summer Laurie and Ruth kept us entertained with snippets of women's suffragette history. We have come a long way in 100 years but we still have a long way to go.

Heather Ross

After 'my' Terry Fox Run

Yesterday, was your special day, Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018, marked the 38th Terry Fox Run for Cancer Research. I surprised myself. I finished. I walked the full 10K. I did it in Minden this year.

Since I saw you as I was walking south on Yonge St. in Thornhill, Ont. in 1980, you touched my heart in a big way. I have done the run 37 times except for last year. I sustained a big pain in my left hip and was in pretty rough shape last year. Leanne, an osteopath, in Haliburton, who treated me recently remarked when I told her I was going to show up for the run this year, "That's a great motivation, Barb."

Terry, I felt great yesterday, no pain! I took in the open farmland, the sun, the clean air and the camaraderie of others and also the solitude. I decided to stop and drink water and eat a small treat at the water stations for the first four kilometres. I poured a cup or two of water over my head. I felt encouraged by the smiles of the volunteers at the stations. I enjoyed a really crunchy, sweet

and sour apple. I was touched by the show of generosity by the donations of food and drink.

As I walked the 8K mark, an OPP officer rolled down his window, "Are you OK?"

"I'm great! I'm going to finish." I replied.

And then, I heard your word, as he replied, 'Awesome!" I learned that you had a big heart opening when you knew you couldn't complete your run across Canada. I learned this about you from the recent article in the Minden Times recounting your brother's visit to Minden, the week before the run. Unfortunately, I couldn't be there. Your brother said something like Terry let us know he wanted all of us to finish the run for him.

Thank you, Terry! You're my hero! I raised \$262 this year for cancer research. When I reached the finish, a local volunteer. Jack Brezina, well-known in the community, was there to ring me in. I felt like a hero, too. He used an old brass school bell. And that touched my heart too as I am a retired teacher.

Barbara Rosen

Minden needs real crosswalks

To the Editor,

Courtesy crosswalks in downtown Minden are a bad idea. I was trying to cross at the intersection of Water St. and Bobcaygeon Rd., the other day in my mobility scooter. I was trying to be very

careful about crossing, when I was almost hit by a car! I would like to see these crosswalks made into permanent crosswalks for better visibly.

> **Lianne Waanders** Minden

Consider becoming a 'Big'

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton would like to remind everyone that September is Big Brother Big Sister Month right across Canada. Volunteers provide so many opportunities and wonderful new experiences to children through mentoring programs. Their commitment has a huge impact on the community, helping children and youth reach their full potential and make positive decisions that will affect their lives for years to come. It is also the perfect month for people to consider becoming a mentor through Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton.

Volunteering as a mentor can take as little as one hour a week through the In-School Mentoring program. This program is very

easy to fit into a weekly schedule. There is always a child waiting to meet you!

Big Brothers Big Sisters of Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton would like to thank all of the volunteers that have made the commitment to mentor a child; the volunteers are the ones that make the difference. There continues to be a large number of children waiting for a mentor in The City of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton County, so if you are interested in this kind of friendship please call 705-324-6800 for more information on the application process or visit www.bigbrothersbigsisters.info.

Submitted by Big Brothers Big Sisters Kawartha Lakes-Haliburton

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Minden raises almost \$18K for 25th Terry Fox Run

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

At the beginning of the year, Terry Fox Run organizer Diane Peacock attended an annual organizers' workshop where she had the opportunity to hear the nurse who looked after Terry speak.

"She's 83 years old and made the trip from Vancouver," said Peacock. "Her speech had us laughing and crying as she told the story about Terry's many hospital stays and especially that last week of his life in 1981."

Peacock's speech commemorating the start of the 25th Terry Fox Run held in Minden on Sept. 16 had the same effect on the crowd gathered at the community centre. It was an emotional one filled with tears remembering friends, family and community members who had struggled with a cancer diagnosis, but also joy while celebrating survivors and the event itself. She called for a moment of silence acknowledging those who have died of the disease in the past year, but also a round of applause when "Terry's Team Members," a group of community members who have survived cancer, walked together to bagpipes played by Fraser MacDonald.

"These people have showed strength and spirit and they've battled on," she said.

Peacock, who has loyally organized the annual run alongside a committee of volunteers for the past 12 years, began her speech by paying tribute to Don Crowe, who died last year but had actively helped contribute to the event over its 25-year run in Minden. Members of the Crowe family added Don's photo to a photo memory board that is featured at the

"Each year that I've been organizing the run has been memorable to me in some way, but I think 2018 will be at the top of my list for a very long time," said Peacock.

She said that it was also at that annual organizers' workshop that she was pulled aside by the provincial director.

"[She] told me something that would blow my socks off, an item on my Terry Fox bucket list was about to come true," said Peacock. Minden had been chosen to host a visit from Terry's older brother, Fred Fox, which occurred on Sept. 16.

The Terry Fox Foundation and the Terry Fox Run are important to Peacock, who has lost members of family to cancer. At the event, she tearfully introduced her great niece, whose cancer has been in remission for nine years.

"People ask me, 'why do you organize the Terry Fox Run?" said Peacock in her speech. "To keep Terry's dream alive, and also because this is a foundation that I believe in ... I hear every year at our workshops that research that Terry Fox Research Institute is funding, is working. Researchers like Dr. John Bell in Ottawa and his use of lab-made viruses to kill cancer cells. Hopefully one day this will mean no more chemo. Research for the TFRI has now made it possible for childhood leukemias to have an 85 per cent cure rate. That research means now that patients diagnosed with osteogenic sarcoma, the cancer that Terry had, have a better prognosis and better treatments. Our Terry's Team Members are proof that the money we raise does make a difference.'

The unofficial total raised for this year's event was \$17,701. MP Jamie Schmale and MPP Laurie Scott both spoke prior to the run beginning.

"I have no doubt that unfortunately the sad reality is each and every one of us probably knows someone or has a family member or friend battling cancer," said Schmale, who said a



At the start line to the Terry Fox Run in Minden, participants walked, ran, cycled and rolled to raise awareness, and generate research funds for cancer. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

cure will be found. "This is what small town is all about, raising money for a great cause."

Minden Hills Mayor Brent Devolin praised the effort of the Terry Fox Run committee as well as participants for their work in making the event successful.

Members of the run committee are Jeanne Anthon, Barb Millington, Pat Brezina, Jennifer Hughey, Dana Manning, Joan and Steve Taylor, Rozanne Hynard, Cindy O'Hanley, Sue Smallwood, and Ron and Linda Nesbitt. Peacock also acknowledged volunteer Nancy Lowes, who has volunteered for the event for 17 years, and the support she has received from husband Perry and daughter Caitlin, who this year raised almost \$800 for the run.

Sunday's event, MCed by Jack Brezina, included a barbecue, live music and a silent auction with more than 70 items.



Teghan Griffith painted faces at the Minden Hills Terry Fox Run on Sept. 16.



'Terry's Team Members," a group of people who have survived cancer, were recognized at the annual event.



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Rally honours struggles of suffrage movement

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

One hundred years ago, it might have been commonplace to see women, dressed in period clothing, walking down Bobcaygeon Road toward the Village Green to join together, rally and fight for equality.

That same scene was re-enacted in downtown Minden on the afternoon of Sept. 15 when the street was closed off and a crowd of women and their allies gathered throughout

"Do not fail to hear Margaret Haile," read the poster advertising the Celebration of Women's Voting Rights event, marking the occasion on May 24, 1918, that the federal vote was granted to most Canadian women (voting rights for Asian men and women and Indigenous people came as late as 1960.) And though the crowd mingled and excitedly caught up with each other once they got to the site of the historical suffrage re-enactment, all focus was on Margaret Haile, depicted by Fay Wilkinson when she took to the podium.

"We need an international socialist movement, that might build a new society, in which all divisions regarding

sex, class, colour, creed and nationality are eradicated," Wilkinson, as Haile, declared to enthusiastic cheers from the crowd in a rousing speech paying honour to the struggles and sacrifices of women working to obtain the vote, and encouraging continued progress in the modern-day efforts toward equality.

Haile was the first woman to run for legislative office in Canada, long before women were allowed to vote, and might have been the first woman to run for major elected office within the entire British Empire.

She spoke to the moral strength of suffragettes around the world, some who were jailed and force-fed because of their protest and attempts to organize and advocate.

"Vote for women!" yelled people in the audience, some holding placards that read, "women, use your vote," and "make democracy great again!" After Haile's speech, the crowd of women - some holding paper chains together, some holding hands with children, one dressed as Rosie the Riveter and another from the '60s hippie movement, enthusiastically marched together and cheered in solidarity in the intense heat of the day behind Wilkinson and Liane Spong-Hooyenga, the first female detachment commander in the Haliburton Highlands for the Ontario Provincial Police, to the Minden Hills Cultural Centre. Some in the

crowd pointed out that when Spong-Hooyenga was born, the OPP were not yet recruiting women as police officers.

At the cultural centre, placards were propped against tables and tea was served while women took to the podium to share their stories.

Jeanne Anthon, who is currently a Minden Hills councillor and was reeve of the former Anson, Hindon and Minden council, presented a message from Laurie Scott, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP.

"The history of women's right to vote in Ontario and Canada is a history of women refusing to let their voices go unheard," said Anthon, reading from Scott's speech. "It's a story of women being told repeatedly that their ideas

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Coffee, tea, lemonade and sandwiches greeted participants in the celebration on Sept. 15 at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre./SUE TIFFIN Staff



Rosie the Riveter, or Jamie Bilodeau, marched for equality with daughter Holly.



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Women fought for right to be heard

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had no place in parliament or in politics, but women refused to accept that. Instead, suffragists continued to engage with parliament and with politicians demanding the right to be heard.'

Scott's message cited Agnes McPhail and Margaret Birch, who she commended for "blazing the trail" before her.

"While it's important to recognize how far we've come, it is important that we use occasions like these to talk about the work still to be done," Anthon read.

Scott is the first woman to be elected as MPP from the Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock riding and is the current Minister of

Leo Dobrzensky, historian and author of Fragments of a Dream: Pioneering in Dysart Township and Haliburton Village, spoke of the lives and contributions of local pioneer women, who mothered large families and endured physical and mental hardships in Haliburton County's early days.

Rita Baird, former president of Minden's Women Institute which was founded in June 1907 (the non-denominational organization got its start in Stoney Creek in 1897) attended the celebration with her "Circle of Friends," former WI members in Minden.

The WI served to assist and encourage women to become more knowledgable and responsible citizens; to promote and develop good family life skills; to help discover, stimulate and develop leadership; to help identify and resolve needs in the community across Canada and the world.

"WI resolutions that have made a difference in our lives and which very few of you realize," said Baird, "was mandatory stopping for school buses with flashing lights, signs at railway crossings, painting of lines on provincial highways, easily understood labels on food products, which we really need now, too ... I mean, do we really understand what is in [our] products? No. Watch Marketplace and W5.

Baird said the WI in Minden worked steadily and quietly, and "became a quiet, driving force in the township ... The power of a cup of tea, sandwich and cake, resulted in many donations throughout Minden to be given to the town."

She pointed out the WI bench, where people can sit, and think on the contributions of the women who have done so much in this community.

"It has been my privilege and pleasure to have met in friendship with my fellow WI ladies who join me together on this momentous occasion and enjoy tea together with you ladies remembering the past and going forward together as one embracing the future," said Baird. "Long may our voices be heard."

Pam Sayne, a Minden Hills councillor, spoke of her participation in the 1981 debates to bring women into the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

"When the Constitution was coming forward from Pierre Elliott Trudeau in 1981, women were not included in our Charter of Rights and Freedoms," said Sayne. "At that point, there was a great deal of discussion among women of all backgrounds and concerns. It brought together, one of my favourite politicians, Flora MacDonald and Margaret Mitchell, Pauline Jewett and also Senator Martha Bielish, who all worked with all of their resources at Parliament Hill to bring women across Canada together, the first time there's ever been a public meeting in our parliament buildings, I



Fay Wilkinson depicted Margaret Haile, the first woman to run for legislative office in Canada, at the Celebration of Women's Voting Rights held Sept. 15 in Minden and gave a rousing speech to a cheering crowd at the Village Green. The event honoured and acknowledged the 100 year anniversary of the federal vote being granted to most Canadian women. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

might add. They expected 250 women, they got 1,300 women."

Sayne said she had to be at the momentous event, and that it has inspired her to pursue a role in politics.

"I was around such incredible, rooted, confident women that I think that's where I am today, is saying, if they can do it, I've got to ground my feet into this earth and speak regardless of the consequences," she said. "I think it's really important that all of us find those places inside of us that we felt silenced and we bring those forward. Silenced in any way, within the home, within our opinions, it doesn't mean we need to be right, it just means we have to be heard, for all of us, whatever that might

Reverend Canon Joan Cavanaugh, who attended the celebration alongside Reverend Martha Waind, doesn't often tell her own story, but was inspired to do so at the event, sharing her history of moving the church forward for woman and encouraging young women to come and be priests.

"I have a bachelor of theology, I have a master of divinity, and hopefully I'm going to be a PhD candidate at the University of Toronto," she said. "I just say that because 90 years [ago] that would have been impossible. ... None of these things would have happened without women going be-

Wilkinson reminded the audience at the celebration to vote.

"Don't say, I won't bother this time," she said. "This is definitely the day to remember those who fought so hard for our right to do just that. We cannot elicit change without our vote."

In her speech at the Village Green, Wilkinson as Haile said, to acknowledgement from the crowd, "There has been much struggle to get us here, and there will be much more to come."



Making health an election issue

Health matters to our community, so let's make health matter in this municipal election.

That's the message for voters and candi-

tion in Haliburton County. The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit is launching its #HealthMattersHere campaign to educate area residents and

role municipal governments play in building and shaping healthy, active and thriving communities. In the lead up to municipal election day on Oct. 22, 2018, the how municipal services, programs, facilities, policies and planning decisions can support residents in making healthy choices that help them reach their full potential. More details about the #HealthMattersHere campaign are available at www.hkpr.on.ca.

"Local government is the closest one to the people and has one of the biggest impacts on individual health and overall community well-being," says Sarah Tsang, health equity coordinator with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Because municipal leaders have this power, the #HealthMattersHere campaign urges them to use it responsibly at the council table to create a healthy, active and thriving community that supports the health of all people, no matter their age, ability or income."

health unit is #HealthMattersHere resources with all municipal candidates running in Haliburton County. The resources urge candidates to consider "health" in every decision that is made at the council table, learn more about issues that affect community health, and work with political colleagues, citizens and groups to nurture a healthy community for everyone.

#HealthMattersHere also has a message for voters - choose candidates who will keep health in mind in every decision they make. To do this, the health unit is urging voters to learn how municipal decisions affect health, let candidates know that living in a healthy community is important, and ask candidates how they will create a healthier community for everyone.

"Health isn't just about doctor shortages, hospital ER wait times, and other health care issues. Health is also greatly influenced by where we live, the choices we make, and the municipal programs and services offered in our community," adds Sue Shikaze, a health promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit.

She points to examples where municipal governments can support people's health. "Parks and recreational facilities, public transit, and accessible buildings can all support healthy living," Shikaze says. "Planning decisions are also vital for health, such as when municipal councils create subdivisions and roads that support walking and cycling."

Economic development is also essential for creating meaningful jobs that allow people to meet basic needs like healthy food, shelter and clothing. Typically in this area, Shikaze estimates people need to make \$18 per hour to meet all the basics of life. Municipal plans, policies and programs also go a long way to support healthy living, including ones that fight poverty and provide safe, affordable housing.

Being able to address new challenges is also important for healthy communities, she adds. Local governments can take steps to prepare for and adapt to local impacts posed by climate change. Supporting drug strategies to address opioid addiction, overdoses and deaths is another area that municipalities can make a healthy difference for their citizens.

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MPP Scott defends use of notwithstanding clause

Times Staff

Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock MPP and Ontario Labour Minister Laurie Scott is defending the Ford government's unprecedented use of the notwithstanding clause to override a judge's decision, allowing the provincial government to proceed with a reduction in the size of Toronto city council in the midst of an election campaign.

On Sept. 10, the justice released a decision blocking provincial legislation seeking to cut the number of seats on Toronto city council from 47 to 25. The judge ruled the legislation unconstitutional, since it was being passed during an election campaign.

Later that day, Premier Doug Ford announced the government would use Sect. 33 of the Charter of Rights and Freedoms – the notwithstanding clause – to override the judge's decision. In a controversial vote on the bill's first reading on Sept. 12, one Ford said was a free vote, all of the PC MPPs present in Queen's Park rose one by one to support the bill, Scott among them.

It is the first time Sect. 33 has ever been invoked by an Ontario government.

"During the [election] campaign, we said we would decrease the size and cost of government," Scott told the paper. "It's no secret that Toronto city council has been dysfunctional for a long time."

The paper pointed out that decreasing the size of Toronto council was never mentioned by anyone during the election campaign, and that most people had likely assumed that provincial candidates were talking about decreasing the scope of provincial government, not municipal ones.

"We did say we'd decrease the cost and size of government," Scott said.

"We believe the judge's decision is wrong," she continued, adding the party has respect for the judiciary, just disagreed with this particular decision.

While the government is also appealing the ruling through the court of appeal – which is the standard process for such a situation - Scott said because municipal elections fall on Oct. 22, using the clause was a matter of

"It's about the timing, there's not enough time before the election," she said. "We don't have time for an appeal."

Ford has indicated that he wouldn't be shy to use the clause again in the future, and Scott was asked if the government would use the clause, which suspends the charter rights of citizens, again.

"The Constitution is clear, it gives us the power to use Sect. 33," Scott said, but added this was a specific situation, and again mentioned the dysfunction of Toronto city



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- MPP LAURIE SCOTT

She was asked if the provincial government would go about altering the makeup of other municipal councils, including potentially those in Haliburton County.

"No," she said, pointing out that the City of Toronto has its own act, and saying there were no plans to carry out a similar procedure elsewhere.

Last week, Toronto's city clerk said that given the circumstances, it would be "virtually impossible" for the city to hold a fair election.

Scott was asked to respond to that statement.

"There is time, the people campaigning have time," she said. "Everyone's going to have a chance to vote."

Last week, former Ontario premier and PC party stalwart Bill Davis criticized the government's invoking of Sect. 33, saying it's a misuse of the clause.

Scott, who once brought Davis to Haliburton Village for a speaking engagement, was asked to respond to his criticisms on the matter.

She responded that former prime minister Jean Chretien, who is also decrying Ford's use of the clause, was heavily involved with including the notwithstanding clause in the charter. The clause was entrenched in the Constitution following the so-called "Kitchen Accord," a 1981 meeting between then-justice minister Chretien, former Saskatchewan premier Roy Romanow and former Ontario attorney general Roy McMurtry.

Scott, who supported MPP Christine Elliott for PC leadership, was asked if there were behind-the-scenes conversations happening within the caucus about reining Ford in.

"We are 100 per cent supportive [of the premier]," she

MPPs sat for a midnight session on the bill on Monday, and according to national media, hundreds of spectators and protesters surrounded Queen's Park, chanting and pounding on the walls of the legislature.

The notwithstanding clause has been used more than 15 times, mostly in Quebec, and mostly over language rights.

Low-cost rabies vaccination clinics coming up

Local pet owners are reminded about upcoming low-cost rabies vaccination clinics being held in Haliburton County during the last week of September. The annual clinics are organized by local veterinarians in partnership with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit.

"Many of us consider a dog or cat to be part of our family, so the low-cost rabies vaccination clinics provide an opportunity to give these pets the protection they deserve," says Bruce Barthorpe, a public health inspector with the HKPR District Health Unit. "Rabies is fatal, so getting pets vaccinated is an important part of caring for animals and being a responsible pet owner."

The low-cost rabies vaccination clinics cost only \$30 per animal (cash only). No examination of the animal will take place at the clinic, and participating veterinarians ask that dogs be on leashes and cats in carriers. The low-cost rabies vaccination clinics are set to take place as follows:

Thursday, Sept. 27

Cardiff:

Faraday Animal Clinic runs a clinic at Cardiff Community Centre (2747 Monck Rd.), 6-7 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 29

Haliburton:

Haliburton Veterinary Services runs a clinic at the Haliburton Fire Hall, 9 a.m. to noon.

Bridletown Warden Animal Hospital runs a clinic at the Pet Valu Store (231 Highland St.), 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

To learn more about rabies and the upcoming clinics for pets, call the health unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006, or visit www.hkpr.on.ca.



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- Bridletown Warden Animal Hospital, runs a clinic at the Pet Valu Store, Haliburton (10 am to 4 pm)
- Haliburton Veterinary Services, runs a clinic at the Haliburton Fire Hall
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Biologist cites concerns over landfill

by CHAD INGRAM

Times Staff

A species-at-risk-biologist says he has concerns about potential groundwater contamination stemming from the Irondale landfill and its implications for wildlife, and is requesting that Minden Hills council close and cap the site, transforming it into a transfer station.

Originally from Irondale, Todd Powell is now the director of environmental programs for the Yukon government. He is still a property owner in the area.

In May, a delegation of Irondale residents made a presentation to council regarding the state of the facility – citing setbacks from residences and waterbodies that do not meet provincial standards, insufficient covering and blowing garbage – and requesting its closure.

"Since bringing this forward, there has been a real response to that and we very much appreciate it," Powell said, adding "there's still some distance to travel."

Environmental and property operations manager Ivan Ingram has said the parameters of the site are permitted under its certificate of approval from the province.

"At the moment, there are reports available to us, we've seen interpretations of those reports," Powell said, referencing

staff reports based on reports from consultants who do testing at the site. "What's in those reports, there's interpretations from the raw data from the consultant, there's interpretations from what that consultant's report says that's been presented to you. I'm here to suggest that those interpretations have opportunity to be reconsidered, and looked at in a different way. Some of those interpretations suggest that there's no problem with the groundwater. What my experience is, in managing groundwater, landfills and potential environmental liability from that, is quite different than, what I read in those reports, from what I see in those interpretations presented to



It comes down to, does it get into the groundwater, and what does it mean if it does?

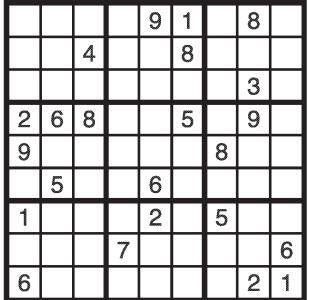
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Answers on page 17

Powell said he'd send correspondence to the municipality with specific details about these discrepancies.

"It comes down to, does it get into the groundwater, and what does it mean if it does?" Powell continued. He said he believes the monitoring wells at the site are insufficient. One inadvertently damaged by a neighbouring property owner is being replaced.

He noted the the Milburn Wetland Complex – 640 hectares that include 62 linked wetlands, which are home to a wide array of the county's flora and fauna – was deemed provincially significant last year.

"That's something that's new, and it's different, and it has some consequences around this risk of environmental liability, specifically when it comes to groundwater and groundwater contamination outside the borders of the facility," Powell said.

He noted that the Blanding's turtle, a species at risk, is present in the wetland and said that a new recovery strategy for the turtle is being developed. While it is in draft at this time, he said it's set to become public next year.

Within that new legislation, will be something called "critical habitat," "and once a species has critical habitat identified for it, which the provincially significant wetland was designated because of the presence of this turtle . . . you now have a different level of scrutiny, so to speak, on the township's actions, as well as us as landowners, we're all in this together, when it comes to management of those habitat areas."

"Once a habitat is designated critical, there is zero room for contamination or alteration of that habitat," Powell said.

He proposed the landfill be closed, capped and converted to a transfer station.

"Closure and capping, properly, that site, will deal with the bulk of these problems, and then we're just left with the monitoring," he said.

"Wow, thank you," said Mayor Brent

Devolin. "Obviously we have issues with landfills . . . I look forward to your recommendations, certainly you're a specialist in this area."

"The significant wetlands is a game-changer," Devolin said.

Council has been discussing converting the Irondale landfill to a transfer station, something that has also been recommended by Ingram.



The significant wetlands is a game-changer

- MAYOR BRENT DEVOLIN



Council is awarding a contract for the replacement of the monitoring well and the creation of a design and operations plan for the site to GHD Limited for a total of just less than \$8,000.

"In terms of the design and operations plan . . . does this lead up to the metamorphosis of it into a transfer station?" Devolin asked Ingram. "Would it be fair to say in 2019, or sometime sooner . . . how quickly can it happen?"

"We'll have to get it costed," Ingram said, adding, "There's not a lot to do out there, in terms of turning it into a transfer station."

Ingram has said the amount of garbage being deposited at the Irondale landfill is relatively minimal. He said when the Ingoldsby landfill was converted to a transfer station, it cost about \$50,000. That was nearly a decade ago.

ALL CANDIDATES MEETINGS

Come out to meet candidates in the upcoming municipal election, hear what they have to say and ask your questions.

Highlands East: Thursday, Sept. 20 at 7 p.m., Lloyd Watson Centre, Wilberforce

Minden Hills: Thursday, Sept. 27 at 7 p.m., Minden Hills Community Centre

Dysart et al: Thursday, Oct. 4 at 7 p.m., Fleming College, Haliburton

Mayors and Deputy Mayors (countywide): Thursday, Oct. 11 at 7 p.m., Fleming College, Haliburton

Meetings organized by the county's newspapers and radio stations.

Rotary park greener for TD tree days

by SUE TIFFIN Times Staff

Early into the annual TD Tree Days planting event in Minden last Saturday, volunteers were dripping with sweat and swatting away pesky bugs along the shoreline of Rotary Park in Minden, but nobody was complaining. Some, who have contributed their time to planting each year for the past four years, knew weather conditions could have been worse: four years ago, the event coincided with a snowfall.

Fifty trees and 280 shrubs – 15 different native species of trees – were planted on Sept. 15 along the shoreline of Rotary Park where high waters in the past have caused a loss of mature trees

"Each year is a little different with the same theme - shoreline naturalization and just greening the community," said Mark Coleman, Minden Hills community services director. Coleman said the work done would help strengthen the shoreline against erosion.

"It's a great community effort," he said, noting that more than half of the volunteers had returned each year.

On past TD Tree Days, TD's flagship volunteer program, about 500 trees and shrubs have been planted in Minden along the Riverwalk, along the Gull River and by the community centre.

According to the TD Friends of the Environment website, more than 285,000 trees have been added to the Canadian landscape since the program's start. The 300,000th tree donated through the program was expected to be planted this year. In addition to Tree Planting Days, the TD Friends of the Environment Foundation has donated more than \$50,000 to projects around Minden Hills over the past five years.



The fourth annual TD Tree Days planting event was held in Minden on Sept. 15 in Rotary Park. Top, about 30 volunteers of all ages worked throughout the morning to plant 50 trees and 280 shrubs. Bottom, Karen Clark of Orillia came to the area to help volunteer with her son, who works in the Minden branch.





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Mail the yellow **Election Return Envelope** by **October 11, 2018** or drop it off at the Municipal Office anytime up to 8:00 p.m. on Voting Day - October 22, 2018 or use the Dorset Drop-off Centre (9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.) Tuesdays and Thursdays from Tuesday October 2, 2018 to Thursday October 18, 2018. On Monday, October 22, 2018 from 8:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m., you can drop off your yellow return envelope at the Municipal Office at the address below or at the Dorset Drop-off Centre at 1051 Main Street.

If a qualified Elector needs to be added to the list to vote, or does not receive their Vote-By-Mail kit, or if it is lost, destroyed, a new Kit may be issued by attending the Revision Centre (Municipal Office - 1123 North Shore Road). Please note that the Dorset location is a Drop-off Centre only. The Revision Period commenced September 4 and extends during normal office hours each weekday, ending at the close of voting day, 8:00 p.m., October 22, 2018.

For more information please contact:

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Parkinson walk fundraising for a cure

Left, the sixth annual Parkinson Superwalk held in Haliburton was participated in by people with Parkinson's Disease and their friends and family, who came out to support more awareness and research for the disease.

Top, Aleah and Katie Czerwonka of Uxbridge took part in the walk on behalf of their uncle Glenn Hodgkinson of Minden. "We thought it would be nice to walk for him," said Aleah. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

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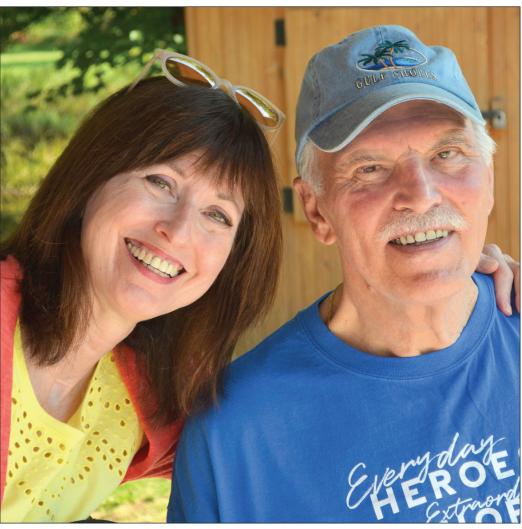


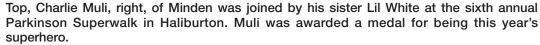
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Right, Andy Neal was surrounded by friends and family, including daughter Rosie Dupont who organizes the Parkinson Superwalk, on Sept. 16 at the annual event.



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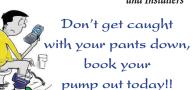
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Take Back the Night March

When: Thursday, Sept. 20, 5 p.m. (music, stories, sign making); 7 p.m. march

Where: Head Lake Park Bandshell

First, listen to music, stories in poetry and create your own

March at 7 p.m. in solidarity through the park and through town.

Everyone welcome

To raise awareness of violence against women, Canadian Federation of University Women - Haliburton Highlands, Fleming College, Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre, YWCA - Peterborough and Haliburton and Visible Voices Open Art Studio are joining forces in this march through Haliburton. This will be in lieu of the first CFUW-HH meeting.

Cost: Free of charge **Discover the Dahl**

When: Saturday, Sept. 22

Where: Dahl Forest, 1307 Geeza Rd

Part of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust Discovery Days 2018. Learn the history and ecology of the Dahl Forest from expert, Peter Dahl. Peter and his family planted thousands of trees, cared for the land, and then generously donated it to the HHLT in 2009. Walk the beautiful trails and enjoy views of the Burnt River as it meanders through the forest. Feel free to pack a picnic to enjoy on your own after the hike. This hike is part of the Hike Haliburton Festival. Please visit their website to register, or visit www.haliburtonlandtrust. ca for details and a registration link. Admission by donation. Funded in part by TD Friends of the environment.

Todd Nolan in the Clubroom

When: Saturday, Sept. 22, 2018, 4 to 7 p.m Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom Cost: \$5.00 cover charge for non-members 50/50 draw at 6:00 p.m.

Enjoy meal for \$6.00 by the Ladies Auxiliary

www.haliburtonlegion.com

Art Opening

Contemporary Landscapes by Gary Evans When: Saturday Sept. 22 from 2 to 4 p.m. Where: Rails End Gallery, Haliburton

Meet the Artist. Exhibition runs until November 10, 2018

Haliburton: Sexual Health Clinic

When:, Wednesday, Sept. 26, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. The clinic provides clients with confidential access to cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing and sexual health teaching. Testing and treatment of sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more information, locations or to make an appointment, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 2205.

Lunch and Learn

When: Wednesday, Sept. 26, 12 p.m. Lunch 1 p.m. presentation

Where: Zion United Church, Carnarvon

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library present Jessie Pflug and the story of Stouffer Mill Bed and Breakfast. Cost: \$20 For tickets call Sue Sisson at 705-286-2000 ca for details and a registration link. Admission by donation. Funded in part by TD Friends of the environment.

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Healthy Lakes \$1,000 winner is...

Canoe FM announcer Mike Jaycock reads out the Healthy Lakes Contest \$1,000 grand prize winner's name, Gary Acker of Dorset, drawn by Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners Association chairperson Paul MacInnes during the station's Friday Drive Show on Friday, Sept. 7. The Healthy Lakes Contest offered prizes to the public, who were challenged with lake health questions every week this summer. The contest was a partnership between CHA, the Minden Times and Haliburton Echo, Canoe FM and local merchants, who provided prizes. (The winner of the last prize of the season was Jenn Morrow, who won the Subaru oil change.) /DARREN LUM Staff

A Variation on Hibernation



LAURIE SWEIG Practical Fitness

M NOTICING THAT GETTING out of bed in the morning is more difficult than it was a few weeks ago. I am feeling the effects of less sunlight, and cooler temperatures (on some days). It's amazing how my motivation for movement is waning, and how my appetite has increased. This is a dangerous combination.

Humans do not hibernate but in some ways we naturally be-

have like we are preparing for winter. This does not include booking an appointment to have the tires changed on the car (I've got mine booked, have you?). I'm mystified at the thought of how some animals completely shut down for the winter months. The function of hibernation is to conserve energy when food is not available. Prior to hibernating, animals will pack on weight so they can get through the period of cooler temperatures. Nature is brilliant when we don't

We, as humans, continue to struggle against our natural make-up. Long before grocery stores and fast food restaurants existed, humans would get ready for winter by putting on extra weight. While there was less activity during that time period, food wasn't readily available either. That balanced things out. Those who were fortunate enough to get through the long cold months lost the extra that was gained. I'm not alone in thinking that it would be great to lose some weight over the winter season. I find it an incredible struggle.

This year let's set a goal of not seeing the number on the scale change at all. Here are some of the practices to implement to help make that possible:

Find some "Movement Buddies." These are people who will either exercise with you or hold you accountable to the plan you have agreed to follow.

Set a movement plan. Schedule an activity every day. Inside or outside – it doesn't matter. Ensure that you do something every single day.

Create meal plans on a weekly basis. Make it fun. Try new recipes. Consume vegetables and fruits even when you don't feel like it.

Track your food consumption. Learn to recognize when you are eating mindlessly. Discover ways to change the unhealthy habits.

Establish a reasonable bedtime. Take advantage of the darkness instead of fighting it.

There's nothing we can do about the changing season. Let's work with it. Use this time to get stronger so that when the spring hits we're ready to emerge from our dens even better than we went into them.

Something to think about.

Laurie Sweig is a certified personal fitness trainer and spinning instructor. She owns and operates The Point for Fitness. She can be reached at laurie@thepointforfitness.



Bowling Scores

Haliburton Red Wolves Bowling Scores

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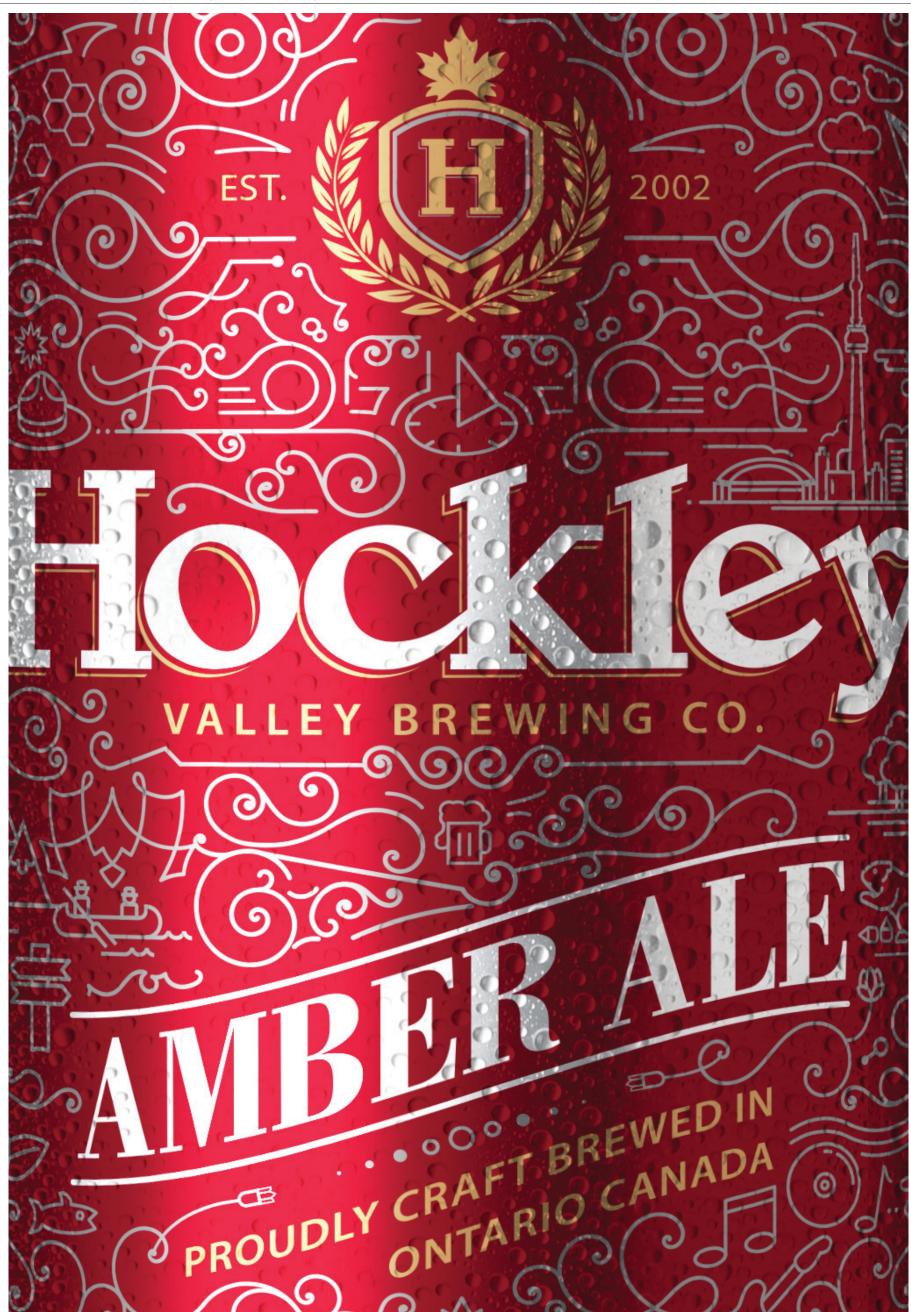


DARBY, Darlene Margaret (late of Minden, Ontario) Peacefully with family by her side, on Sunday September 16, 2018 at Hamilton General Hospital in her 88th year.

Predeceased by her husband Gordon. Mother of Neil (Donna) of Minden, the late Roger (2008) (late Margaret 2010) of Guelph, Margaret Bassindale (Glen) of Dundas, Marilyn Gordon (Lyall) of Brampton, Mary Bar (Peter) of Stouffville, Marlene Darby (Jason) of Shelburne, Catherine Snell (Jack) of Minden and Brian Walter (adopted son) of Aurora. She is also survived by 14 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren.



The family will receive visitors at J. SCOTT EARLY FUNERAL **HOME**, 21 James St., Milton (905) 878-2669 on Friday September 21 from 5 - 8 p.m. and on Saturday from 10 - 11 a.m. A memorial service will take place on Saturday at 11 a.m. from the funeral home chapel. Interment, St. David's Cemetery, Campbellville. If desired, memorial donations to Haliburton Health Services or Ingoldsby United Church would be appreciated. Messages of condolence may be left online at www.earlyfuneralhome.com









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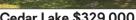


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